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## **SEN. BASHAM ANNOUNCES \$93,000 GRANTS FOR TAYLOR AND WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS**

LANSING- State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the Taylor School District and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools have each been awarded a \$93,750 grant intended to help encourage expelled or suspended students to complete their high school degree. The grant, awarded by the Michigan Department of Education, is part of over \$1.4 million in federal money that is being awarded to seventeen Michigan school districts.

“Everyone suffers when we fail to provide children with the necessary skills to be productive members of society,” said Sen. Basham. “I’m pleased that this grant money is being made available to help troubled students in our area reconnect with a school environment and complete their education.”

The grant money is intended to assist school districts in implementing various programs that help to transition expelled or suspended students back into an educational environment. Eligible programs include those that help young people to avoid negative behaviors, improve

relationships between student and teacher, enhance self-worth and improve the quality of instruction.

“These children face special challenges but are by no means beyond being reached,” said Sen. Basham. “With proper support from the educational community they can overcome their difficulties and have futures every bit as bright as any of their classmates.”

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